(c) the sharing of cost between the Union Government and the State Government of Madhya Pradesh alongwith the amount made available so far by the both sides; and

(d) the time by which the said construction work is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Central Department of Tourism sanctioned Rs. 11.75 lakhs and released Rs. 2.00 lakhs in 1992 for the construction of Yatrika at Nemawar in Madhya Pradesh. The share of the State Government is Rs. 4.02 lakhs for the project and the State Government has released Rs. 2.00 lakhs in 1996-97 as part of the State share.

The construction work on the project has not yet commenced due to the objection raised by the Archaeological Survey of India on the ground that the selected site is situated near one of their protected monuments. The State Government is to identify an alternate site for the construction of the Yatrika.

Miserable Conditions of Tribes in Rajasthan

5355. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that people of two tribes of Langas and Mangarians of Rajasthan are singers of world fame but are very backward with low level of education; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Union Government to improve their status ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Neither Langas nor Mangarians are specified as a Scheduled Tribe in respect of Rajasthan under the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order 1950 as amended to date.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of Rice to Mid-Day Meal Scheme

5356. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that poor quality of rice being supplied to Mid-day Meal Scheme by FCI; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide good quality rice to Mid-day Meal Scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) According to the Guidelines of the Scheme, FCI is to supply Fair Average Quality (FAQ) rice to the implementing agencies in the States/UTs. FCI, New Delhi have issued instructions to their field offices to issue only good quality of foodgrains under this scheme.

Wheat Export

5357. SHRj SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been invited to the newsitem captioned "Karnal bunt, price slump stymie wheat exports" appearing in the 'Business Standard', New Delhi, dated August 14,1996;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken in consultation with the Ministry of Commerce to streamline the wheat export procedures and compete in the international wheat market ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some consignments of wheat from India were detained by the Turkish and Moroccan authorities as they were found to be infected by Tilletia Indica (Karnal Bunt) fungus. All consignments, except one, have been reexported from Turkey/Morocco. One consignment of wheat was still in quarantine in Morocco as on 26.7.96.

(c) and (d) Inspection of wheat for issuing Phytosanitary Certificate at the time of export for quarantine purposes is being carried out by the Directorate of Plant Protection Quarantine and Storage, Ministry of Agriculture or the Directors of State Agriculture authorised for this purpose by the Directorate of Plant Protection Quarantine and Storage, Govt. of India.

The necessary guidelines have been developed and issued to all Phytosanitary Certificate (PSC) issuing authorities is identified in the country in respect of phytosanitary Certification of exportable wheat by the Ministry of Agriculture. As per these guidelines, if the infection by 'Karnal Bunt' is detected in the exportable wheat consignment, the PSC is not issued. The PSC is issued conforming to the Plant Quarantine regulations of the importing country incorporating the additional declarations for the freedom from pest/diseases, if any.

In addition to above, Agricultural Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has taken following measures :—

(1) Names of the 21 countries which do not allow import of Karnal Bunt affected wheat, have been